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MONTANA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

WHAT'S THE STAKE OF MONTANA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

In 1972 Montana citizens adopted a new Constitution. ARTICLE XI on LOCAL GOVERNMENT requires a review of the present form of government in each county, city and town and an examination of alternative forms of government.

Then in 1976 voters will decide between adopting one of the alternative forms or keeping the kind of government which they now have.

Members of the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth feel that the children and youth have a stake in local government study and revision because this could:

Provide more efficient services at lower costs.

Release money for needed personnel, programs, services and facilities; for example, recreation.

Help attack more problems which have not been discussed before.

Create positions where youth can serve where they now feel shut out.

Make it more possible for youth to be heard through alternative forms of government such as the TOWN MEETING in small towns.

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REPRESENTATIVE KOSENA URGES THOSE 18 YEARS AND OVER TO FILE FOR ELECTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONS

At the May 10-11, 1974 meeting of the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth (MACCY), Representative Albert Kosena of Anaconda was the resource person for the session on "Modernization of Local Government".

LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHES.
GOVERNOR APPOINTS.
YOU CAN ASK.

During the 1974 session, the Montana Legislature passed HB-774 which established a temporary State Commission on Local Government.

Nine Representatives introduced the bill which provided for the Governor to appoint nine persons to the Commission with a budget of $200,000 for operations.

This Commission met for the first time on March 30, 1974. Members and staff are:

Harold E. Gerke, Billings, Chairman
Harold A. Fryslie, Bozeman, Vice Chairman
Carroll V. South, Miles City
Thomas Payne, Missoula
Edward L. Shubat, Great Falls
Melford R. Wollan, Whitefish
Albert E. Kosena, Anaconda
Glen L. Drake, Helena
C. R. Thiessen, Lambert

Staff

George L. Bousliman, Helena
Staff Director
Dale A. Harris, Helena
Deputy Director

You can ask these persons for information and assistance.

He described service on the city, town and county local government commissions as the opportunity of the century. He called these efforts "Mini-Constitutional Conventions" and urged youth to file for election so they could contribute their ideas.

Persons wishing to file for a study commission must do so by August 1, 1974. Names will be on the ballot for the November 5, 1974 general election.

Representative Kosena sponsored HB-805 which was passed by the 1974 session of the Montana Legislature. This law sets up the guidelines for local government study commissions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT...

* *Your local County, City or Town Clerk*

* *State Commission on Local Government*
  State Capitol
  Helena, Montana 59601
  Telephone: 449-2814

* *Bureau of Government Research*
  University of Montana
  Missoula, MT 59801
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  Bozeman, MT 59715
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QUIZ YOURSELF

ON

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVISION

1. _____, name of my county.

   _____, number of persons designated by the County Commissioners to be on the County Government Study Commission.

2. Listed below are the incorporated towns and cities in my county and the number of local study commissioners designated for each by the municipal council or commission.

Name of Towns or Cities	No. of Study Commissioners
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Check Whether the Following Statements are Correct or Not

	Yes	No
1. The number of commissioners for each study commission is required to be an odd number and not less than three (3).	___	___
2. Study commissioners are elected by the people.	___	___
3. No person can serve on more than one study commission.	___	___
4. Commissioners are to study the form and power of government together with the existing procedures for the delivery of services and compare them with alternative forms.	___	___
5. Any two or more study commissions may conduct their studies cooperatively.	___	___
6. Candidates for study commissions are to run without party or other designation or slogan.	___	___
7. To be nominated for study commissions, candidates must file a petition with 100 signatures or at least 1% of the qualified voters, which ever is less, by August 1, 1974.	___	___
8. Local governments are not required to change the present form of government unless the electorate votes to do so.	___	___

WHICH WILL IT BE-?

"SWEET OR SOUR GRAPES"--?

Some say this is the chance of a life time to strengthen and modernize Montana's local governments. Concerned citizens and local officials have advocated these actions for a long time. Now is our opportunity.

Someone said, "People get the kind of government they deserve". Montanans deserve good local government but this will happen not unless the people - young and old - work to have it happen.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO

Run for a Local Government Study Commission (town, city or county) Well over 500 persons will be elected to 182 commissions. You do have a chance!

Get people to run for Local Government Study Commissions.

Vote for the best people who do run.

Participate in the various public forums and workshops to be held throughout Montana.

Testify and encourage others to testify at public hearings which Local Government Study Commissions will hold.

Help organize informational meetings and study groups. Ask resource people to come.

Distribute publications and inform people of the publications available.

Encourage schools as well as youth and adult groups, organizations and agencies to carry out a role in local government revision.

Contact candidates and elected officials of all kinds to learn their views on local government revision and give them your ideas.

It's "Sweet Grapes" for those who act.

And no "Sour Grapes" from those who fail to act.

In Appreciation
to Frank Sennett

A staunch advocate
for the concerns
& people of MACCY

In recognition of
your willingness
to give of
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yourself...
for others...

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At the Butte MACCY meeting on May 19, 1974 the participants prepared and signed the statement to the left.

Opal Winebrenner presented the tribute to Frank on behalf of the group together with a gift certificate for a Charlie Russell print from the Montana Historical Society. Frank resigned as Deputy Director of the Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and June 7, 1974 was his last day in the office.

This summer the Sennetts - Leslie, Frank, Amy and Frank Jr. - will man the Union Peak Fire Lookout near Greenough, Montana. After this communion with the outdoors, it is hoped that Frank will be back to continue making significant contributions somewhere in government.

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JEANNE PARKER CITED AS "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Jeanne Parker, MACCY Alternate from Central Montana, was honored by the Lewistown Soroptimists by being named "Woman of the Year".

For several years she has been active in the Central Montana Human Resources Committee and in MACCY.

Since September, 1972, Jeanne and her husband, Bill, have had a licensed mini-youth guidance home in Lewistown. In this capacity Jeanne participated in a Youth Guidance Home Parent seminar at Gregson on May 5,6 and 7, 1974.

In a recent letter Jeanne said, "A lot of us feel MACCY put us on our feet making us productive people serving in our communities. We still have a lot of learning to do, but the practice and continued instructions we receive strengthen our self confidence".

DR. HEYWOOD SPEAKS IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

Speaking on the work of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education took Dr. Stanley J. Heywood, President of Eastern Montana College, Billings to Vancouver British Columbia on May 11 1974.

Dr. Heywood serves as a member of the Commission and is a MACCY Associate/ Consultant. He pointed out that the Big Sky MACCY meeting on "Environment and Quality of Life" has helped him tune in on recent meetings concerned with energy, land use and the effects upon the human spirit.

In July he will present a paper in Singapore to the World Assembly of the International Council on Education for Teaching and give three talks in Hong Kong.

CELEBRATION FOR JERRY DALTON AND LOIS CANN

MACCY members Jerry Dalton of Lewistown and Lois Cann of Butte were married June 8, 1974 at an outdoor ceremony south of Butte.

Both graduates of Rocky Mountain College, Lois has taught two years at Melstone and Jerry is a teacher at the Community Day Care Center in Billings. The couple will reside in Billings.

DENNIS ROSELEIP TO BE COUNSELOR

Dennis Roseleip will be a full-time counselor for Sunburst High School beginning the fall of 1974.

He has taught two years in Turner and will continue graduate work at MSU in Bozeman this summer. He serves as a MACCY member in North Central Montana.

OPAL WINEBRENNER PLANS "BIG BITE"

By enrolling for 23 credits at the University of Montana at Missoula this summer, Opal Winebrenner of Cut Bank hopes to complete the requirements for graduation.

Opal says that serving as a MACCY member helped her to decide upon a major in political science.

After sufficient recovery time from her years of schooling, Opal is considering entering law school.

CLARK WELCH ATTENDS CWLA MEETING IN OREGON

Clark E. Welch, Community Planning Coordinator, attended a meeting of the Child Welfare League of America in Eugene, Oregon June 9-12, 1974.

Clark felt these aspects of the program were especially important for work with children and youth in Montana: Assessments of day care, adoption, foster care, parent education and child abuse and neglect programs in light of current learning and research.

Methods of involving parents in creative and educational play with their children were demonstrated.

Possibilities for self-help family day care mother's groups in problem solving were presented.

MONTANANS INVITED TO DENVER WORKSHOP

Four Montanans were invited by the Region VIII Office of Child Development of HEW to participate in a June 18-19, 1974 workshop on Children's Bureau objectives.

These participants are: James Pomroy of Child Welfare Services; James Pippard, Head of the State 4'C's; John Lombardo, President of the State Foster Parents Association and Gerry Fenn who serves the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth.

CORE GROUP HELPS IMPLEMENT MACCY GOALS

Since its formation in early 1974, the MACCY Core Group has met as follows:

Helena	-	*February 8*
Billings	-	*March 29*
Missoula	-	*April 22*
Butte	-	*May 10*
Helena	-	*June 26*

These are open sessions and the following have participated in addition to the six Core Group members and staffers Gerry Fenn and Clark Welch.

John Atwell	-	*Glendive*
Jean Reynolds	-	*Washington D.C.*
Peter Koehn	-	*U of Montana*
James Lopach	-	*U of Montana*
Patricia George	-	*Billings*
Jerry Spalding	-	*Livingston*
Frank Sennett	-	*Helena*
Mabelle Hardy	-	*Missoula*
Virginia Simmons	-	*Hamilton*
Carol Craighill	-	*Butte*

These persons are either MACCY members, alternates, associate/consultants or resource persons.

ART NOONAN ASSISTS MONTANA AT EXPO '74

Assistant manager of the Montana exhibit at Expo '74 is Art Noonan who is a MACCY member from Butte. He reported for work in Spokane on May 5, 1974.

PAUL RICHARDS WINS IN THE PRIMARY

Paul Richards, MACCY associate/consultant of Helena, won a place on the November 5, 1974 General Election ballot in the House of Representatives District 32.

Paul, age 19 years, worked in the 1969, 1971 and 1973 Montana Legislative sessions and the 1974 Washington Legislature.

He was a charter appointee to MACCY in 1970 by Governor Forrest H. Anderson. Paul edited 11 issues of "Environmental Alerts" for MACCY covering issues in the 1973 Montana Legislature.

MACCY ALERTS MONTANANS RE: CHILD ABUSE

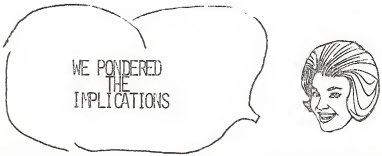
Five TV Spots on child abuse and neglect sponsored by the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth and the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) are being shown on Montana TV Stations. KTCM-TV, Helena; KRTV, Great Falls; KTVQ, Billings; KXLF-TV, Butte; KPAX-TV, Missoula; and KFBB-TV, Great Falls have copies of the spots. Copies to the other TV stations in Montana are planned to be delivered soon.

Glenn Lockwood of KRTV in Great Falls and MACCY supporter, assisted with producing and distributing copies to the MTN-TV network stations.

The spots were developed by the North Dakota Governor's Committee on Children and Youth and offered to MACCY for televising in Montana.

When you see any of these TV spot announcements, it is helpful to let the TV station know your appreciation by sending a post card acknowledging this public service on behalf of children.

Pete Surdock, Social Service Specialist with SRS serves as liaison between the National Clearinghouse on Child Neglect and Abuse and SRS. Congress in 1974 voted funds to educate and help families and professional workers on this social problem.



Members of the Helena Home Economists organization asked questions galore about the modernization of local government efforts. This happened at a meeting held May 20, 1974 in the home of Catherine Walsh with Gerry Fenn as the speaker-resource person.

Suggestions were made for members of the group to be encouraged to file for the local study commissions. The 30 persons present wrote and exchanged their ideas about the implications for children and youth of local government study and revision.

TRY IT

Next time you are in a small group, start by having each person light a match and talk on a designated topic only as long as the match burns. Make up your own topic, according to the situation and the group. Here are a few topics to start your thinking:

- *One interesting thing you've done lately.*
- *Why you are here.*
- *Something you like to do.*

In a few minutes time you can exchange some interesting aspects of each person present. Thus discussion groups, committees, councils and planning groups can start off with a bit more humanness.

GREAT FALLS MACCYs EAT AND MEET

Can this be done in your community?

Where is MACCY going? What is the effect of the transfer of MACCY to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services? What issues concern MACCY? How can MACCYs help each other more?

These questions and more were discussed at a meeting over lunch of MACCY-related persons in Great Falls on June 6, 1974. Gerry Fenn and Clark Welch were resource persons.

Participants were: Sr. Elaine Eigeman, LaVerne Barnes, Fr. Dave Bielefeld, Terry and Dolly Dwyer, George and Diane Erickson.

MACCY PERSONS STRIVE FOR LEGISLATIVE POSTS

At the time of the June 4, 1974 primary elections, five MACCY-serving persons attained the right to try for election to the 1975 Montana Legislature during the general elections in November.

Included are Senate candidates Robert J. Brown, Whitefish; Terry Murphy, Cardwell; and Tom Towe, Billings. Seats in the House of Representatives are sought by Paul Richards of Helena and Dorothy Bradley of Bozeman.

NOW'S THE TIME...

The primary elections are over and this is the most strategic time to contact candidates seeking election to public office. Find out their views on the priorities for children, youth and families in Montana. Give them your ideas. Organize get-togethers where your friends and neighbors can quiz the candidates and provide them with suggestions.

...NOW'S THE TIME

June 11 - Harlowton and Columbus

June 12 - Roundup and Hardin

June 26 - Malta and Wolf Point

June 27 - Plentywood and Sidney

June 28 - Baker and Forsyth

July 10 - Fort Benton and Shelby

July 11 - Polson and Libby

Make plans to attend one or more of the public forums to be conducted by Governor Thomas L. Judge, his staff and state agency heads in 14 Montana cities.

Governor Judge invites you to "freely ask questions, make suggestions and offer critisms". This is a chance to point out ways to improve the quality of life for children , youth and families in Montana.

NOW'S THE TIME...

Watch for the announcements of numerous public information programs on local government modernization currently being planned by various groups and organizations throughout Montana. Once again "get your oar in" on the specific needs of children, youth and families in your county, city or town.

GLACIER PRESBYTERY PLANS

Clark Welch is serving on the "Steering Committee on Planning" for Glacier Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The Committee met in Great Falls on June 6, 1974 to plan it's work for long range "planning, budgeting and evaluating" (PBE) for Glacier Presbytery. Glacier Presbytery is composed of Presbyterian Churches in Western Montana.

BARRELS OF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

AS "TOWNS OF TOMORROW" PROJECT BEGINS

Plentywood and Ennis were selected as the first two "Towns of Tomorrow" under a pilot project aimed at getting state and federal assistance for community improvements, according to Governor Thomas L. Judge.

Dorothy Eck, program coordinator, said a total of 30 towns with populations under 3,000 submitted applications for the program. They included: Belgrade, Belt, Boulder, Bridger, Chester, Chinook, Columbia Falls, Ekalaka, Ennis, Fairfield, Fairview, Gardiner, Geraldine, Hamilton, Harlowton, Hysham, Jordan, Plains, Plentywood, Red Lodge, Richey, Roundup, Scobey, Stanford, Superior, Terry, Three Forks, Troy, Virginia City and Whitehall.

Perhaps additional towns will be designated in the future. If you are in or near a town which has applied, give your mayor and council input on the human needs - children, youth and families which should be met.

MACCY TRANSFERRED TO SRS

By Executive Order on April 23, 1974, the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth (MACCY) was continued to February 10, 1976 and transferred from the Governor's Office by Governor Thomas L. Judge to the Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitaion Services (SRS). Under the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971, the Governor must approve the continuation and transfer of state advisory councils.

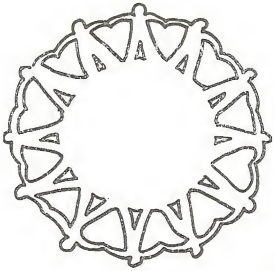
The purpose of MACCY is to advise in the following areas: (1) Building programs and recommendations for action regarding major issues concerned with children and youth; (2) Stimulating better cooperation and coordination among agencies, organizations and groups concered with children and youth; and (3) Facilitating widespread involvement with children and youth issues through implementation of local, district and regional workshops.

Theodore Carkulis, Director of the Montana Department of Social and Rehabiliation Serivces will make future appointments to the Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth.

MACCY CONVENES IN BUTTE

On May 10-11, 1974 MACCY met in Butte to consider the effects of recent changes, the proposed Core Group, modernization of local government, and the "Towns of Tomorrow" project. Twenty-six persons participated.

NO MAN IS THE WHOLE
OF HIMSELF -- HIS
FRIENDS ARE THE REST
OF HIM.



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BUT A CHORUS...WE
LIVE IN RELATIONSHIPS
FROM THE CRADLE TO
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